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**Environment, Heritage and Local Government**



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### **County/City Development Boards – Good Practice Exchange Guide**

Dear Director,

The *Indecon* Report on County/City Development Boards (CDBs), as approved by Government, made a number of recommendations to strengthen and develop the Boards, including the increase in information on best practice exchange between CDBs and between CDBs and Statutory Agencies.

In this context, a good practice guide (attached) has been compiled using a selection of examples from the Boards and has been endorsed by the National CDB Co-ordination Group, chaired by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The purpose of the guide is to highlight and provide CDBs and Statutory Agencies with practical examples of how social, economic and cultural development can be promoted across a range of areas. The examples submitted by the CDBs identified a number of generic/cross organisational practices that could be used and adapted as appropriate by any/all CDBs.

It is recognised that examples in this guide reflect CDB priorities up to 2008. As the Boards have recently completed a review of their Strategies for the period mid 2009-2012, which reflect new priorities, particularly in the light of the current economic climate consideration will be given to preparing a further compendium of good practice examples, in due course, based on the Boards' revised priorities.

I would ask that you arrange for the guide to be brought to the attention of your CDB members. The good practice guide is also available on the Sharepoint system (<http://circulars.lgcsb.ie/doecirculars>) and County Development Board website (<http://www.cdb.ie/strat.htm>)

Yours sincerely,

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